

consisting of §§ 1173.1 and 1173.2, to read as follows:

PART 1173—INDEMNIFICATION OF EMPLOYEES

Authority: 5 U.S.C. 301.

§ 1173.1 Policy on employee indemnification.

(a) This part explains when the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) will indemnify you, an employee or a former employee of NEH, against a verdict, judgment, or other monetary award that a court or other competent authority renders against you. When NEH indemnifies you against a verdict, judgment, or other monetary award, it means that NEH will pay the amounts that the court orders you to pay.

(b) This part also explains when NEH will settle a claim (also referred to as compromising a claim) that someone brings or threatens to bring against you in court or before another competent authority. It is only in exceptional circumstances that NEH will agree to settle a claim before a court or other competent authority has entered a verdict, judgment, or monetary award against you.

(c) In order for NEH to indemnify you or settle a claim:

(1) The verdict, judgment, or monetary award to be paid or the claim to be settled must relate to something that you did (or failed to do) within the scope of your employment with NEH; and

(2) The Chairperson of NEH or someone the Chairperson designates (the Agency Official) must determine, as a matter of discretion, that indemnifying you or settling the claim would be in the interest of NEH.

(d) If you become aware that someone has made or may make a claim against you personally as a result of something that you did (or failed to do) within the scope of your employment, you must immediately notify the Office of the General Counsel.

(e) To request that NEH indemnify you or settle a claim against you, you must submit a written request to the Office of the General Counsel. You must include a copy of the verdict, judgment, monetary award, or settlement proposal, as appropriate. The Office of the General Counsel may consult about the matter with your supervisor, other agency employees, and the Department of Justice.

(f) The Agency Official may waive the requirements of paragraphs (d) and (e) of this section if it would be in the interest of NEH to do so.

(g) If the Agency Official determines that NEH will indemnify you or settle a

claim on your behalf, NEH's commitment will be subject to the availability of appropriated funds. The Agency Official may impose other conditions or limitations on the determination at his or her discretion.

(h) If the Chairperson requests indemnification or settlement of a claim, the General Counsel will perform the functions assigned to the Chairperson under this section with respect to that request.

§ 1173.2 [Reserved]

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Coast Guard

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[Docket No. USCG-2020-0634]

RIN 1625-AC72

Updates to Marine Engineering Standards

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DHS.

ACTION: Notice of proposed rulemaking; extension of comment period.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard is extending the comment period by 45 days for the notice of proposed rulemaking, "Updates to Marine Engineering Standards," published on October 19, 2021, which proposes to incorporate by reference updated marine engineering standards and eliminate outdated or unnecessarily prescriptive regulations. We are extending the comment period to allow the public more time to comment on the proposed rulemaking. The comment period is now open through February 3, 2022.

DATES: The deadline for the comment period for the proposed rule published October 19, 2021 (86 FR 57896) is extended. Comments and related material must be received by the Coast Guard on or before February 3, 2022.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments identified by docket number USCG-2020-0634 using the Federal eRulemaking Portal at <https://www.regulations.gov>. See the "Public Participation and Request for Comments" portion of the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section for

further instructions on submitting comments.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information about this document call or email Thane Gilman, Systems Engineering Division (CG-ENG-3), 2703 Martin Luther King Jr. Ave. SE, Washington, DC 20593. Phone (202) 372-1383, Email: thane.gilman@uscg.mil.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Public Participation and Request for Comments

The Coast Guard views public participation as essential to effective rulemaking, and will consider all comments and material received during the comment period. Your comment can help shape the outcome of this rulemaking. If you submit a comment, please include the docket number for this rulemaking, indicate the specific section of this document to which each comment applies, and provide a reason for each suggestion or recommendation.

We encourage you to submit comments through the Federal eRulemaking Portal at www.regulations.gov. If you cannot submit your material by using www.regulations.gov, call or email the person in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section of this proposed rule for alternate instructions. We review all comments received, but we will only post comments that address the topic of the proposed rule. We may choose not to post off-topic, inappropriate, or duplicate comments that we receive.

We accept anonymous comments. All comments we post to <https://www.regulations.gov> will include any personal information you have provided. For more about privacy and submissions in response to this document, see the Department of Homeland Security's eRulemaking System of Records notice (85 FR 14226, March 11, 2020).

Background and Discussion

We issued a notice of proposed rulemaking, "Updates to Marine Engineering Standards," on October 19, 2021 (86 FR 57896). In it we proposed to incorporate by reference updated marine engineering standards and eliminate outdated or unnecessarily prescriptive regulations in title 46 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) subchapter F. This proposed rule is part of a continuing effort for regulatory reform that increases compliance options for the regulated public while providing a cost savings to the regulated public and the U.S. government.

We set a 60-day comment period for the proposed rule and received a request to extend the comment period by an additional 90 days. The requester cited the scope of the changes in the proposed rule requiring analysis, the overlap with the upcoming holiday season, and the reduction in workforce availability due to the COVID-19 pandemic as reasons for the requested extension.

Since the proposed rule is primarily updating standards incorporated by reference in the CFR to current editions already used by industry, we do not believe public comment will require substantial technical or economic analysis. However, inconsideration of the commenter's other concerns, we have decided to extend the public comment period by 45 days. The

comment period is now open through February 3, 2022.

This document is issued under the authority of 5 U.S.C. 552(a).

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